Nomenclatural Changes in the Australasian Ant Genus *Podomyrma* Fredrick Smith (Hymenoptera: Formicidae: Myrmicinae)

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ABSTRACT

Fifteen new synonymies and two new nomenclatural combinations are established in *Podomyrma*.

The nomenclatural changes in *Podomyrma* summarised below will be discussed in detail in the author's forthcoming revision of the genus. They are presented here to facilitate reference in other works now ready for publication. Bibliographic and other details may be found in the *Podomyrma* section of Bolton, 1995 (pp 338-339). All nomenclatural actions have followed study and comparison of appropriate type specimens, except where types are confidently believed to have been lost.

Genus *Podomyrma* Fredrick Smith, 1859

adelaidae (Fr. Smith) 1858, Adelaide, South Australia (*Myrmica adelaidae*).

= *P. bimaculata brevidentata* Forel, 1915, Kimberley district, Western Australia. **New Synonymy**.

Other junior synonyms: *P. micans sericeiventris* Emery, 1898 (Emery, 1922); *P. bimaculata* Forel, 1901 (Forel, 1915).

basalis F. Smith, 1859, Aru I. (= Kepulauan Aru), Indonesia .

= *P. striata nigra* Stitz, 1938, New Guinea. **New Synonymy**.

chasei Forel, 1901, Perth, Western Australia.

= *P. nuda* Crawley, 1922, Murray River, Western Australia. **New Synonymy**.

elongata Forel, 1895, Mackay, Queensland.

= *P. densistrigosa teres* Viehmeyer, 1924, Liverpool *et al.*, New South Wales. **New Synonymy**.

Other junior synonym: *P. parva* Crawley, 1925 (Brown, 1953).

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femorata Fr. Smith, 1859, Aru I., Indonesia.
= *P. convergens* Forel, 1895, Mackay, Queensland. **New Synonymy**.

gastralis Emery, 1897, provenance unspecified, but certainly New Guinea (*P. ruficeps gastralis*).
= *P. abdominalis pulchra* Forel, 1901, Cairns, Queensland. **New Synonymy**.
= *P. tricolor* Clark, 1934, Claudie River, Queensland. **New Synonymy**.

laevifrons F. Smith, 1859, Aru I., Indonesia.
= *P. gracilis* Emery, 1887, Ramoi, New Guinea. **New Synonymy**.
= *P. laeviceps* Mayr, 1867, Waigeo, New Guinea. **New Synonymy**.
= *P. gracilis nugenti* Forel, 1901, Cairns, Queensland. **New Synonymy**.
= *P. striata* Fr. Smith, 1859, Aru I., Indonesia. **New Synonymy**.

maculiventris Emery, 1887, Somerset, Queensland (*P. micans maculiventris*). **New Combination**.

micans Mayr, 1876, Rockhampton, Queensland.
= *P. fortirugis* Viehmeyer, 1924, Trial Bay, New South Wales. **New Synonymy**.
= *P. obscura* Stitz, 1911, Newcastle, New South Wales. **New Synonymy**.

obscurior Forel, 1915, Alice River, Queensland (*P. bimaculata obscurior*). **New Combination**.

overbecki Viehmeyer, 1924, Trial Bay, New South Wales.
= *P. varicolor* Viehmeyer, 1925, Liverpool, New South Wales (*P. overbecki varicolor*). **New Synonymy**.

silvicola F. Smith 1860, Bachian (= Batjan), Indonesia.
= *P. castanea* Stitz, 1911, Cape York, Queensland. **New Synonymy**.

The names *P. densistrigosa* Viehmeyer, 1924, *P. ruficeps* Smith, 1863, and *P. abdominalis* Emery, 1887, which are mentioned in context above, all apply to "good species".

REFERENCE

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